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## Weekly Report from R8

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### This Week

**Gold King Mine Reimbursement Appeals:** In December 2016, Region 8 issued final determinations on reimbursements for cooperative agreements related to the Gold King Mine incident. The deadline for appeals was 8 Feb 2017. On 8 Feb 2017, Region 8 received appeals from 3 entities: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, La Plata County, and San Juan Basin Health

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**Uinta Basin (Utah) Wintertime Ozone:** The Uinta Basin ozone episode continued through February 7<sup>th</sup> with ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) exceedances occurring every day since January 29<sup>th</sup> (ozone concentrations dropped to 53 parts per billion (ppb) on February 8<sup>th</sup>). Ozone reached *Very Unhealthy Air Quality Index* levels with the 8-hour average above 105 ppb at the Ouray monitor on February 1, 3 and 5, 2017. Ozone was in the *Unhealthy* (86-104 ppb) and *Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups* (71 to 85 ppb) levels in the communities of Myton and Roosevelt during the ozone episode. The Region's Air Program will be meeting with OAQPS on February 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss next steps, since EPA's draft Uintah & Ouray Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for existing oil and gas production sources was

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### Weeks Ahead

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**Comments on Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Clean Water Act Program Authority**

**Application:** The SUIT water quality standards Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State (TAS) application 30-day comment period closed Friday February 3, 2017. Region 8 received

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